

	LOMAS.	LOMAX.	SIMILAR NAMES.
Manchester, . . .	102	47	{ Lummis, 2.
Liverpool,	9	11	{ Looms, 2.
London,	10	8	{ Loomes, 3.
Sheffield,	11	0	{ Lowmas, 2.
Birmingham, . .	3	0	{ Lummis, 1.
Bristol,	2	0	{ 0.
Leeds,	2	0	{ 0.
Newcastle, . . .	0	0	{ 0.

Column second of the preceding table shows the number of times the name Lomas occurs in each of the towns above mentioned; column third shows how many times the name Lomax occurs, and column fourth shows a few cases of names bearing some resemblance to the preceding.

In order to determine in what part of Great Britain the Lomas family first appeared, or has been longest established, I have consulted with great care the Directories of Great Britain and Ireland.

I have searched through Slater's Directory of Ireland for 1856 without finding Lomas or Lomax in a single instance. I have also searched through Slater's Directory of Scotland for 1860 without finding either Lomas or Lomax in a single instance.

In Slater's Directory of Wales for 1850 the names Lomas and Lomax occur only once each, viz., Thomas Lomas, tinman, in Crickhowell, and John Lomax, bootmaker, in Bangor.

In order to discover, if possible, the home of this family in England at a remote antiquity, I have selected as the basis of comparison that class of persons which is presumed to be the least migratory. Merchants and bankers, from the very nature of their business, form a migratory class, and we find an occasional merchant of the name Lomas in nearly every one of the large cities of England. Mechanics are less migratory; but with the exception of the nobility, the persons who are thought to be most closely attached to the soil are the farmers. I have therefore carefully consulted the English Post Office Directory for 1858 and have found no farmer of the name Lomas or Lomax except in the five following counties, viz.:

	LOMAS.	LOMAX.	SUM.
Cheshire,	16 times.	5 times.	21 times.
Derbyshire, . . .	19 "	0 "	19 "
Staffordshire, . .	9 "	0 "	9 "
Lancashire, . . .	1 "	3 "	4 "
Cumberland, . .	1 "	0 "	1 "
Total,	46 times.	8 times.	54 times.